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## CIA CASH BACKS ARAB PROPAGANDA IN U.S., EXAMINER CORRESPONDENT AT UN REVEALS

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UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — In the debris that ensued from the explosion of the Central Intelligence Agency as the covert financial organ of many U.S. organizations was found one of the top Arab propaganda bodies in the United States — the American Friends of the Middle East which has also edged itself into the corridors here at the UN.

This powerful Committee, founded by the late journalist Dorothy Thompson as the chief Arab support against the State of Israel, was listed in Washington as the recipient of funds emanating from the country's most powerful arm for the implementation of American foreign policy. The funds, it was disclosed, came to the "American Friends" clandestinely and indirectly through one or all of three Foundations — the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston, the

Independence Foundation and the Sidney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation, both also of Boston.

It will be recalled that the "American Friends" had come under a Congressional probe in 1964 when it was then disclosed that it was receiving funds also through the J. M. Kaplan Fund of New York.

Little as yet is known of the details behind these under-the-table

transactions, but it has been established that the Brown Foundation had given at least two grants to the "Friends" of \$20,000 and \$15,000. When asked if he knew that he was getting CIA funds, executive vice-president of the Brown Foundation, Edward W. Overton, Jr., exclaimed: "God, no!"

The "Friends" is an American Committee, but its growing operations have been the backbone of literature, lectures and political action in support of the various Arab propaganda organizations in the United States, more particularly the Organization of Arab Students.

The disclosure of CIA involvement with private organizations provoked considerable irony here at the UN where the Arabs have been levelling their most vitriolic attacks on the U.S. Government for its alleged pro-Zionist policies in the Middle East.

The whole scandal raises the deeper question of how U.S. foreign policy could play against itself and casts doubt on the caliber of an Administration which places its relations to other governments on a basis of questionable ethics.